

MHT #FHD-1298

Railroad Trestle over Carroll Creek

Built around 1830, portions replaced throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries
Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland

Brief Description

This trestle bridge over Carroll Creek, also known as Bridge 3A, in Frederick, Maryland, has been partially demolished. Comprised of forty-two spans, including the one over the creek, the bridge was approximately 543' 5" long. The single-track bridge had a wood walkway with a steel pipe railing along its east side. The northern section of the bridge has been demolished, but much of the south section, which bends in a gentle curve to the southeast, remains.

Summary Statement of Significance

A railroad trestle was first built along this alignment in 1872 when the Pennsylvania Railroad laid tracks down the center of East Street. On this trestle, the line crossed south over the Carroll Creek and curved slightly east to meet the existing B&O Railroad tracks. The improved access to the city prompted the development of a number of new businesses in the vicinity. Although rail transport declined in importance in the second half of the twentieth century, this rail line and trestle were used until recently to transport chemicals for the nearby Clorox Plant. During its years of service, the bridge was washed out by several floods, and parts of it have been replaced over the years. In the mid 1990s, the portion of the trestle that crossed Carroll Creek was demolished.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. FHD-1298

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Carroll Creek Railroad Trestle and Bridge

and/or common Bridge No. UG68.92

2. Location

street & number B&O Avenue ☐ not for publication

city, town Frederick ☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1 structure

This trestle bridge over Carroll Creek, also known as Bridge 3A, in Frederick, Maryland, has been partially demolished. Comprised of forty-two spans, including the one over the creek, the bridge was approximately 543' 5" long. The single track bridge had a wood walkway with a steel pipe railing along its east side. The northern section of the bridge has been demolished, but much of the south section, which bends in a gently curve to the southeast, remains.

The first twenty-three spans of the trestle were supported by timber bents twelve feet apart. The typical timber bent was supported by a timber sill on a concrete footing. Timber posts supported a timber gap upon which six timber stringers rested, three on each side. The stringers supported the rail road ties and their running rails. The next eighteen spans were supported by concrete piers, ranging from approximately ten to seventeen feet apart. These piers supported bents constructed of timber and steel. These bents were constructed the same as the timber bents except that the timber posts, gap, and stringers were replaced by a steel girder cross frame. The span across the creek was thirty-four feet and eleven inches long and of timber and steel construction.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1830-2nd half of 20th century Builder/Architect B&O Railroad

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

A railroad trestle was first built along this alignment in 1872 when the Pennsylvania Railroad laid tracks down the center of East Street. On this trestle, the line crossed south over the Carroll Creek and curved slightly east to meet the existing B&O Railroad tracks.

This improved access to the city prompted the development of a number of new businesses in the vicinity. In 1873, the area near this rail crossroads between Carroll, Wisner, East Patrick, and South streets included two tanneries, a flour mill, a freight depot, and a coalyard. Toward the turn of the century, several large industries, including a hosiery factory, a brush factory, a brick factory, and several canneries were built in the area, doubtlessly drawn by the improved rail transportation.

Although rail transport declined in importance in the second half of the twentieth century, this rail line and trestle were used into the second half of the century to transport chemicals for the nearby Clorox Plant. During its years of service, the bridge was washed out in several floods of the Carroll Creek, and parts of it have been replaced over the years. In the mid 1990s, the portion of the trestle the crossed Carroll Creek was demolished.

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

Survey No. FHD-1298

Lake, D.J. Third, Fourth, and Ninth Wards of Frederick City. *Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland*. C.O. Titus and Co., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1873.

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Frederick, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

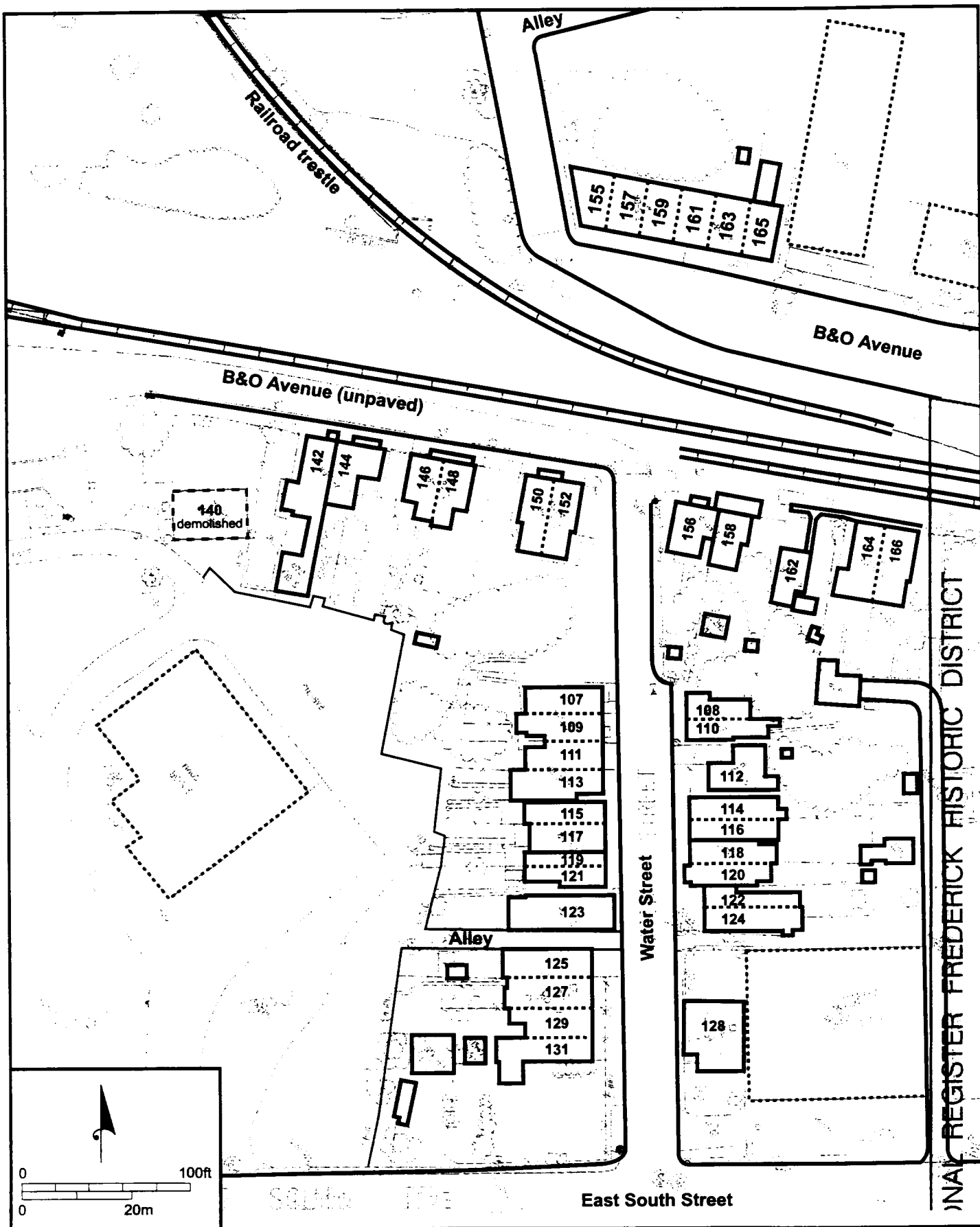
name/title Elizabeth Barthold O'Brien/Project Architectural Historianorganization John Milner Associates, Inc. date November 1996street & number 5250 Cherokee Avenue, Suite 410 telephone 703-354-9737city or town Alexandria state Virginia

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Resource Sketch Map
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Railroad Trestle over Carroll Creek

TRESTLE Bridge No. UG 68.92, Frederick, Maryland
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~~SE~~ NE Elevation, Looking SW

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East Elevation of span over Carroll Creek,
Looking West

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North Elevation of span over Carroll Creek,
Looking South

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B 3'0 MARKER NEAR EAST END of TRESTLE Bridge
NO. UG 68.92, FREDERICK, MD.

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North Elevation, Looking South

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Railroad Trestle over Carroll Creek

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View of span over creek (prior to demolition), looking south

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View of Span over creek (prior to demolition), looking
southeast

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